

**EDGEWATER BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MEETING
AGENDA
DECEMBER 9, 2021 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER WORK SESSION MEETING

MS. KATHLEEN MARANO, INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY, CALLED THE ROLL:

TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE	TRUSTEE	ATTENDANCE
Dr. Cella		Mrs. Stefani-Rackow	
Ms. Harris		Mrs. Klein	
Ms. Zamora			

A. Open Public Meeting Act Statement:

Mrs. Klein read the following: “The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this Act, a legal notice of this meeting has been posted on the official bulletin board at the school, Borough Hall, and sent to the Record and the Star Ledger.” Notice has been posted on the District website.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Public Attendance:

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Ms. Siobhan Tauchert	Superintendent	
Ms. Kathleen Marano	Interim Board Secretary	
Mr. Jeffrey Merlino, Esq.	Board Attorney	
Mr. Angelo DeSimone	State Monitor	

RESOLVED, that the Edgewater Board of Education meeting hereby convenes to executive session for discussion of the following subjects: _____

It is anticipated that the executive session will take approximately ____; the Board may take action when it reconvenes to public session; and the minutes of the executive session shall be released to the public when the reason for the executive session no longer exists.

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Executive Session

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters or other exceptions to the sunshine laws as follows:

1. Any matter considered confidential by federal law, state statute, or court rule;
2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair the receipt of federal funds;
3. Any material which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy if disclosed;
4. Any collective bargaining agreements;
5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds;
6. Any tactics and techniques used in protecting the safety and property of the public;
7. Any pending or anticipated litigation;
8. Personnel matter related to the employment, appointment or termination of current or prospective employees;
9. Attorney/client privilege.

Moved	Seconded	Time
AYE	NA	

Motion to return to open session (to be moved in public session)

Moved	Seconded	Time
AYE	NAY	

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION Time:

Motion: 2nd

ROLL CALL

Dr. Cella ____ Ms. Harris ____ Ms. Zamora ____ Mrs. Stefani-Rackow ____ Mrs. Klein ____

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

**EDGEWATER BOARD OF EDUCATION
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CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

MS. KATHLEEN MARANO, INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY, CALLED THE ROLL:

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Dr Cella		Mrs. Stefani-Rackow	
Ms. Harris		Mrs. Klein	
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I. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Ms. Siobhan Tauchert

II. REPORT OF INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY Ms. Kathleen Marano

III. LEONIA BOARD REPORT: Mrs. Stefani-Rackow and Ms. Khalli Harris

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Reorganization Public Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2022, Eleanor Van Gelder Auditorium at 7:30 P.M.

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IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Negotiations Committee – Mr. Merlino stated that the District has provided the EEA with the requested information and we are awaiting on dates to begin our meetings.

Curriculum Committee - Monica Zamora met with Ms. Perez to discuss the Curriculum Updates for the 2021/2022 school year for Mathematics, Social Studies, and Financial Literacy Curriculum. In the future, the curriculum will be posted on line to assist parents. The Mathematics Curriculum will be revised to ensure it is reflective of the newly adopted Envisions Program.

Building and Grounds – The roof above the science wing at EVG was repaired the week before Thanksgiving. The Board at the November Board Meeting approved the architect to submit drawings and specifications to the State for a section of roof above the third and fourth grade classrooms at EVG to be completed by July 2022.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Committee - At the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity meeting we had great conversations and put together strategies that will guide our next session of creating an action plan.

V. STATE MONITOR REPORT: Mr. Angelo DeSimone

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES

To permit the fair and orderly expression of comments we ask that:

1. A participant must be recognized by a presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence and group affiliation, if appropriate;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to a three minute duration;
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard; and
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question board members individually.

VII. OPEN PUBLIC ADDRESS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

VIII. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

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X. Action Items: Minutes

MINUTES – The following minutes have been given to the board for acceptance:

1M. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education accept the minutes of the Combined Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session of November 22, 2021.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

Dr. Cella _____ Ms. Harris _____ Ms. Zamora _____ Mrs. Stefani-Rackow _____ Mrs. Klein _____

ACTION OF THE BOARD _____

XI. Action Items: Contract/Memberships - None

XII. Action Items: Finance

FINANCE:

- 1F. **RESOLVED**, by the Edgewater Board of Education, that the December 9, 2021 Bills and Claims be approved. Total Amount: **\$574,070.32**.
- 2F. **RESOLVED**, by the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the December 8, 2021 Bills and Claims. Total Amount: **\$827,409.50 4 of 10 Leonia School District Tuition**.
- 3F. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the payroll account and agency account checks for November 30, 2021 (actual), December 15, 2021 (estimate), December 23, 2021 (estimate) and December 30, 2021 (estimate).

Date	Amount
November 30, 2021 Actual	\$342,927.37
December 15, 2021 Estimate	\$375,000.00
December 23, 2021 Estimate	\$360,000.00
Total	\$1,077,927.37

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XII. Action Items: Finance - continued

FINANCE:

4F. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education approve the manual checks.

Month and Year	November, 2021	Amount
Acct. #11-000-291-220-000-0000	Social Security – Nov 15	\$24,860.27
Acct. #11-000-291-220-000-0000	Social Security – Nov 30	\$24,199.36

Month and Year	December, 2021	Amount
Acct. #11-000-291-270-000-0000	State of NJ Health Benefits	\$135,658.75
Acct. #11-000-291-270-000-0000	Delta Dental – December	\$8,128.49
Acct. #11-000-100-566-000-0000	Marcia Knowles	\$15,589.00

5F. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education approve Board Secretary Report and Treasurer’s Report for October 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the financial reports for the months be accepted and shall become a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

6F. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds for the month of October 2021 as certified by the Business Administrator and authorized by the Superintendent of Schools.

7F. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education ratify and approve the cancellation of prior year checks as follows:

Prior Year Check Cancellations as of December			
Vendor	Account No.	Check Number	Amount
Eaton Corporation	11-000-261-420-000-0000	17341	\$11,078.00

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

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XIII. Action Items: EDUCATION - None

XIV. Action Items: Out of District Tuition/Transportation - None

XV. Action Items: Fiscal Management

1FM. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, THE LIST OF TRAVEL AND RELATED COSTS WHICH ARE EDUCATIONALLY NECESSARY, FISCALLY PRUDENT, IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES, ARE RELATED TO AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROMOTE THE DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTION OR FURTHER THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Chief School Administrator recommends that the Edgewater Board of Education approve the attendance of staff members at the following Professional Development Workshops:

Name	Date	Title of Workshop	Grants
Kathleen Marano	1/26/22, 1/27/22	Tech Expo 2022	Pursuant to GSA Guidelines

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

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XVI. Action Items: Personnel

- 1PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, **ratify and affirm** the updated substitute list for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- 2PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve to **amend without benefits** Jill DiLorenzo Troyano, replacing Orazia Sepero as School Administrative Assistant – District Student Information Systems Coordinator in the Edgewater School System at the Eleanor Van Gelder School for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual salary of \$50,000.00 (prorated), starting on November 18, 2021.
- 3PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve Lorraine Heffernan as Registered Nurse in the Eleanor Van Gelder School for the 2021-2022 School Year with a start date of December 10, 2021, until June 30, 2022 at an annual salary of \$70,000.00 (prorated).
- 4PER. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the employment contract with Kathleen Marano, Interim Business Administrator, for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. The contract has been reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent for Bergen County.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

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XVII. Action Items: Policies

1POL. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the second reading of Policies and Procedures.

Policy 1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

Dr. Cella _____ Ms. Harris _____ Ms. Zamora _____ Mrs. Stefani-Rackow _____ Mrs. Klein _____

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XVIII. Action Items: Administration

- 1A. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the Annual District Nursing Services Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 2A. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve submission of the ASSA for 2021.
- 3A. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve **enrichment chess classes** offered by AlphaMinds Academy for students in Kindergarten-2nd grade at George Washington Elementary School for 2 classes a week for 10 weeks – 12 students per class for a cost of \$4,320.00, and Coding – 20 Sessions at a cost of \$4,321.00 for a total of \$8,641.00 funded through an ESSER II-Learning Acceleration Grant.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

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XIX. Action Items: Grants/Compliance

1GC. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, accepts and approves the State School Security Grant Number 20E00484 for Fiscal Year 2020 in the amount of \$49,227.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

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XX. Action Items: Buildings and Grounds

1BG. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education approve the use of facilities for the Borough of Edgewater for Recreation Basketball from 5:00pm to 8:15pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning January 7, 2022 through March 10, 2022 at the Eleanor Van Gelder School.

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

Discussion:

ROLL CALL

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XXI. OPEN PUBLIC ADDRESS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

XXII. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: _____, 2nd: _____

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